

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An audit quotation system A method for assuring compliance of a quality standards registrar with governmental or quasi-governmental accrediting agencies, the method comprising:

one or more computers configured to

receive obtaining client information including at least an industry code identifying a type of industry of a product or service provided by a client, a type of quality audit, and a number of employees employed by the client;

receive determining auditor staffing requirements information, wherein the auditor staffing requirements information is based on the client information the number of employees employed by the client;

generate preparing a formal quotation using a computer database application at a central location for an audit based on the client information and the auditor staffing requirements information;

store storing formal quotation information in the computer [[a]] database application for tracking existing and prospective clients; and

reviewing and approving the formal quotation at the central location; and transmit the forwarding the approved formal audit quotation to a salesperson for delivery to the client. .

2-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 1 wherein the industry code comprises the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code established by the United States Department of Commerce.

10. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 1 wherein the type of audit is selected from an environmental audit, a quality system audit, a pre-assessment audit, an initial registration audit, a registration upgrade audit, and a surveillance audit.

11. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 1 wherein the industry code includes a hierarchical classification system having major and minor classifications.

12. (Currently Amended) The system method of claim 11 wherein the one or more computers are further configured to assign comprising assigning auditors based on the industry code.

13-16. (Cancelled)